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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8553

INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OGEN, CO

SUBJ: SERIOUS FIRE IN BOGOTA

1. A VERY SERIOUS FIRE HAS BROKEN OUT IN THE 40-STORY AVIANCA BUILDING IN THE CENTER OF BOGOTA. FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE IS NOT ADEQUATE AND THERE EXISTS DANGER IT COULD SPREAD TO OTHER DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL REQUESTS FROM THE GOVT, INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR SUCH ITEMS AS HELICOPTERS, SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS, PLASMA, ETC. AT THIS POINT WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANYONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT IS NEEDED. THE MILGRP HAS ALERTED PANAMA TO STANDBY FOR A REQUEST FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF EQUIPMENT BUT AT THIS POINT I DO NOT SEE THAT WE CAN EITHER GET FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT HERE IN TIME OR THAT THERE ARE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED REQUIRING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

3. THREE AMERICAN FIRMS HAVE OFFICES IN THIS BUILDING BUT WE HAVE CHECKED AND FOUND THAT AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL ALL AMERICAN LEFT THE BUILDING UNHARMED.

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4. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL REVISING UPWARD THE
NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAPPED IN THE BUILDING TO APPROXIMATELY 150 AND
THE NEWS THAT THE ACTING MILGRP COMMANDER WHO IS ON THE SCENE IS
GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT A PLANE COME FROM PANAMA WITH PLASMA,
BANDAGES, ETC.
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